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2020 NECOM & DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Scholarships are open to talented and committed instrumental or vocal students enrolled at the New England Conservatorium of Music or with a NECOM Music Educator Member.
- A NECOM/DoE scholarship is not a monetary award but provides specialised enrichment opportunities and extension activities for students, including masterclasses with visiting prominent musicians, general workshops, occasional concert tickets (2020 calendar year), in addition to other training and performance opportunities as they arise throughout the year. When places are limited in masterclasses, NECOM reserves the right to prioritise students of Conservatorium teaching staff.
- Students of **advanced** level may apply in the categories of strings, piano, woodwinds, recorder, brass and voice. A Chamber Ensemble may also apply for a scholarship. As a guide, the levels for individual students are:
AMEB Gde 6 & above - Piano; Strings; Recorder AMEB Gde 5 & above – Brass; Woodwinds; Voice
- Applications must be lodged by **5pm Friday 15 November 2019** to the Conservatorium.
- Applications must include:
 - Completion of 2020 Scholarship Application Form
 - Recording of student performance (*see point 8 below)
 - Copies of the music for the Selection Panel
 - Report from their music teacher or tutor (or school music teacher) indicating the applicant's musical aptitude, attainment, commitment and potential
 - Recent music examination reports (if applicable) and/or Eisteddfod reports (if applicable).
- *Scholarship applicants must submit **a recorded audition performance** (MP3 recording OR Youtube video) of TWO contrasting works. Applicants may use an accompanist if they wish but it is not compulsory.
- The Scholarship Selection Panel will be chaired by the CEO of the Conservatorium.
- Applicants will be assessed on skill and merit demonstrated in the recorded performances, Exam and/or Eisteddfod reports, general musical activities in the community, and their Teacher's Report.
- The Scholarships offered in December 2019 will be tenable for the 2020 calendar year.
- The Scholarship holder will be required to perform in Conservatorium or community concerts if required, with Conservatorium instrumental ensembles or choirs.
- Scholarship holders are required to be active members of their school choir or instrumental ensemble and remain so for the duration of the scholarship.
- A Scholarship student who needs to vary their lesson attendance and/or performance contributions must inform their teacher and the Director in writing, at least three (3) weeks ahead of the event.
- The Selection Panel's decision in all matters will be final. **Correspondence will not be entered into.**

Applications close on Friday 15 November 2019, 5pm
Notification of Scholarship Awards will be made in early December 2019.

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